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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

The Development & Engineering Division has recently been reorganized into two branches. These branches are as follows: The Systems Research Branch with [] as Chief and [] as Deputy Chief, and the Systems Development Branch with [] as Acting Chief and [] as Deputy Chief. The Branches will consist of:

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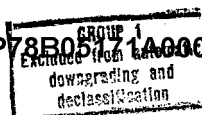
The Branches have been divided into functional areas with a logical relationship to the R&D cycle in mind. Generally speaking, those functions are as follows:

a. The Systems Research Branch will concentrate on basic research, feasibility studies, analysis, breadboarding, and experimental prototypes. The major emphasis will be on research, laying a technical base for future developments, and the proving of concepts. The scope of research performed in this Branch may change pending a contemplated reorganization within DED.

b. The Systems Development Branch will concentrate on the development of equipment, working on projects where feasibility has been previously proven in the Systems Research Branch, or where feasibility has been proven externally. They will also be involved in modifications to existing equipment. Their major concentration will be upon the development of prototypes for operational evaluation prior to subsequent production and procurement.

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The ideal sequence would be for things to be initiated through research in the Systems Research Branch, feasibly proven, and then a transfer of the project to the Systems Development Branch for the development of the prototype. This will be the goal, actual practice may require some flexibility in a certain specialized work area, or some variations to accommodate individual Branch work loads.

Some project categories fall obviously under one Branch or the other. However, in most cases there will be some gray areas, which will have to be resolved pragmatically based upon the existing work loads, individual expertise, etc.

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